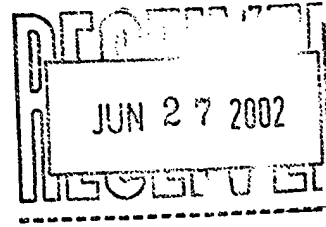




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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 6, 2002, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notification of the Reason(s) for Refusal dated April 16, 2002 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-200114, to the Examiner's attention:

(1) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-222873, which was published on August 26, 1997, together with an English language translation of the same;

(2) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-188702, which was published on July 4, 2000. Applicants note that European Patent Application No. EP 0 994 457 A2, which was published on April 19, 2000, is an English language patent family member of Japanese document 2000-188702;

(3) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-81072, which was published on March 28, 1997;

(4) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-286634, which was published on November 1, 1996. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,069,609 to ISHIDA et al., which issued on May 30, 2000, is an English language patent family member of Japanese documents HEI 9-81072 and HEI 8-286634;

(5) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 2-125287, which was published on May 14, 1990, together with an English language translation of the same;

(6) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-31455, which was published on February 3, 1998. Applicants note that this document was previously submitted with the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,144,364 to OTOBE et al., which issued on November 7, 2000, is an English language patent family member. Applicants further note that the U.S. and Japanese documents were previously submitted to the Examiner, and thus, a copy of the same is not attached hereto;

(7) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-95718, which was published on April 9, 1999. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,097,358 to HIRAKAWA et al., which issued on August 1, 2000, is an English language patent family member;

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(8) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-175440, which was published on July 14, 1995, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

(9) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-190361, which was published on July 23, 1996. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,790,095 to ONODERA et al., which issued on August 4, 1998, is an English language patent family member;

(10) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-222870, which was published on August 26, 1997, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

(11) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-143420, which was published on May 28, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that items (1)-(5) and (7)-(11) contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to item (6), which has previously been cited by Applicants or the Examiner in the present application, as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents (except for item (6)), as well as a copy of the Japanese Notification of the Reason(s) for Refusal, are attached and

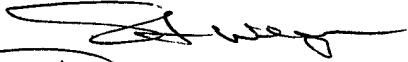
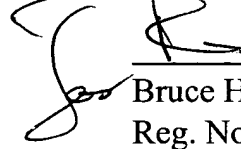
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have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further, Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. Thus, Applicants submit that an additional ground exists for concluding that no fee is required to be paid to ensure consideration of the cited material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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